

We Claim:

1. A sizing algorithm for sizing a parent grayscale pixel map expressing an image having edges using a computer, before projection onto a sensitive recording surface wherein the pixels have a size  $R_p$ , comprising the steps of:
  - (i) inputting the parent grayscale pixel map image with edges where an edge is defined by gray pixels having values between 1, 2, ...n, or by pixels having at least one 0-gray value (black 0-dose level) pixel neighbor;
  - (ii) calculating a grayscale correction value (g) equal to a sizing distance  $S$  parameterized by a machine constant equal to  $R_p$  divided by the number of grayscale values;
  - (iii) finding and flagging edge pixels expressed within a frame of the parent pixel map; and
  - (iv) finding and flagging corner edge pixels within the frame;
  - (v) sliding a sub-matrix window within the frame, to calculate and store gradient values for each edge pixel relative to the edges within the frame;
  - (vi) looping over pixels within the frame to adjust the grayscale value of edge and corner pixels and neighboring pixels;
  - (vii) propagating new grayscale values per the grayscale correction value (g) to pixels from each adjusted edge and corner pixel within the frame in a direction normal to each edge to establish a new edge position within the frame, and
  - (viii) where the parent pixel map is composed of a plurality of frames, reassembling the frames generating a daughter grayscale pixel map expressing a different size image than that expressed in the parent pixel map system which upon projection and recording, compensates for expected systemic distortions.
2. The algorithm of claim 1 where the frame is a 5X5 matrix, and the sub-matrix window is a 3X3 matrix.

3. A sizing algorithm for downsizing a parent grayscale pixel map having pixels of size  $R_p$  and grayscale values between 0, 1, 2, ...,  $n$ , expressing an image having edges with grayscale values ranging from 1, 2, ...,  $n$ , using a computer, before projection onto a sensitive recording surface comprising the steps of:

5     calculating a factor  $g$  equal to a desired sizing distance  $S$  divided by a machine constant  $K_m$  equal to pixel size  $R_p$  divided by the number of grayscale values;  
       setting

$$G'(i, j) = \text{Max}(G(i, j) - g, 0), \text{ and}$$

$$\vec{\delta}G(i, j) = |G(i, j) - g| \bullet (\nabla_x, \nabla_y)$$

      looping over pixels

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  if( pixel ij is an edge pixel)
  {
     $\nabla(i, j)$  = estimated gradient;
    storing the value  $G'(i, j)$  of the new pixel;
    if( $\|\vec{\delta}G(i, j)\| > 0$ )
    {
      propagating vector differences to neighboring pixels along
      the gradient direction;
    }
  }
}
end.
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4. A sizing algorithm for upsizing a parent grayscale pixel map having pixels of size  $R_p$  and grayscale values between 0, 1, 2, ...,  $n$ , expressing an image having edges with grayscale values ranging from 1, 2, ...,  $n$ , using a computer, before projection onto a sensitive recording surface comprising the steps of:

calculating a factor  $g$  equal to a desired sizing distance  $S$  divided by a machine constant  $K_m$  equal to pixel size  $R_p$  divided by the number of grayscale values;

setting

$$G'(i, j) = \text{Min}(G(i, j) + g, g_{\text{max}}), \text{ and}$$

$$\bar{\delta}G(i, j) = |g_{\text{max}} - \{G(i, j) + g\}| \bullet (\nabla_x, \nabla_y)$$

looping over pixels

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  if( pixel ij is an edge pixel)
  {
     $\nabla(i, j)$  = estimated gradient;
    storing the value  $G'(i, j)$  of the new pixel;
    if( $\|\bar{\delta}G(i, j)\| > 0$ )
    {
      propagating vector differences to neighboring pixels along
      the gradient direction;
    }
  }
}
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end.

5. The sizing algorithm of claim 1, or 3 or 4 wherein edge pixels are flagged by successively mapping a sub matrix array  $G$  of pixel grayscale values from the parent grayscale pixel map into a an edge matrix  $E$  with a Boolean procedure for counting the 0-gray value pixels and for assigning a value to each pixel of 0, 1, or 2, where 0 indicates a particular pixel is not an edge pixel, 1 indicates a particular pixel is in a class consisting of inclined edge pixels and corner pixels, and 2 indicates a particular pixel is an edge pixel.

6. The sizing algorithm of claim 5 wherein the sub matrix array  $G$  is a 3X3 matrix.

7. The sizing algorithm of claim 6 wherein diverging corner edge pixels are flagged by successively mapping each edge matrix  $E$  into a Boolean  $I$  returning true if  $E$  has an edge\_sum equal to 5 indicating a particular edge pixel is a diverging corner edge pixel, else returning false.

8. The sizing algorithm of claim 5 wherein new grayscale values are propagated normal to edges of the parent grayscale pixel map to new edge positions with:

- (i) a  $45^\circ$  rule computation operator for such edges inclined at  $45^\circ$  ( $\pi/4$ ) relative to an orthogonal coordinate of the parent pixel map; and
- (ii) a non- $45^\circ$  rule computation operator for such edges inclined at angles other than  $45^\circ$  relative to an orthogonal coordinate of the parent pixel map; and
- (iii) a gray-to-neighbors computation operator for propagating gray values to pixels neighboring such edges in the direction of the gradient.